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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

HUTCHENS and YIP

Application No.: 09/100,633

Filed: June 19, 1998

For: RETENTATE  
CHROMATOGRAPHY AND PROTEIN  
CHIP ARRAYS WITH APPLICATIONS  
IN BIOLOGY AND MEDICINE

Examiner: Wessendorf, T.

Art Unit: 1618

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Applicants submit this Amendment in response to the Office Action mailed December 8, 1999 in the above-captioned application. A petition to extend the time for response for three months, from March 8, 2000 to and including June 8, 2000, is enclosed. Also enclosed are copies of the Information Disclosure Statement, PTO Form 1449 filed on September 30, 1998, and the documents cited thereon.

Applicants request reconsideration of the application in view of the amendments and remarks that follow.

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IN THE SPECIFICATION

At page 15, line 21, please replace the term "Tween" with the phrase --  
TWEEN<sup>TM</sup> (polyoxyethylenesorbitan) --.